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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Docket No. 2017-3-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina that ORS does not object to the request made by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC that Exhibit 3 to witness Scott Batson's testimony be accepted for filing under seal and maintained as confidential.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

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